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| INDEP. CLAIMS | 1 | MINUS | 3 | = 0 | X \$84 | \$ 0 |
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Respectfully submitted,

Steve Kakouros et al.

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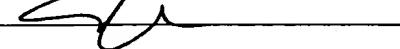
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RESPONSE

In response to the Examiner's action dated December 20, 2002, please amend the application as follows. The amendments are presented below in clean form (i.e., without markings that indicate the changes that have been made); marked-up versions of the amendments are presented in the attached appendix.

In the specification:

At page 1, replace the paragraph at lines 3-7 with the following paragraph:

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-- This application is related to U.S. Application Serial No. 09/608,092, filed on even date herewith, by Steve Kakouros et al., and entitled "Spot Market-Based Inventory Planning Tools," and to U.S. Application Serial No. 09/608,056, filed on even date herewith, by Steve Kakouros et al., and entitled "Spot Market-Based Inventory Planning Services," both of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

Replace the paragraph at page 8, line 8-26, with the following paragraph:

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-- As shown in FIG. 5, in one inventory planning process, it is assumed that the total amount of safety stock needed to cover the variability in end customer demand over the exposure period with a specified service level is represented by q_{MAX} . This level of safety

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